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Parish Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day Slated for May 14

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GONZALES – Ascension Parish President Kenny Matassa announced the Ascension Parish 2016 Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day is slated for Saturday, May 14 at the Lamar-Dixon Expo Center.

President Matassa said the event will take place from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m. The expo center is located at 9039 St. Landry Road in Gonzales. This event is for Ascension Parish residents only and will require a valid ID.

"This event gives parish residents a chance to clean out their sheds, garages and closets of materials that need to be disposed of properly," said President Matassa. "Our residents have always shown an active commitment to preserving our environment, and this event is one avenue for doing just that. Nothing is too big or too small, and we can make a huge difference for a safer, cleaner community."

Ascension Parish Environmental Manager Tommy Marchand said accepted materials include a limit of five automobile tires, car and golf cart batteries, cell phones and batteries, electronic equipment, fluorescent bulbs, gasoline, oil, antifreeze, home and garden chemicals, household batteries, ink and toner cartridges, latex and oil-based paints, thinners, varnishes, scrap metal in small quantities, rechargeable batteries, televisions, small propane tanks and appliances for scrap metal. They will also accept telephone systems, video cameras and DVR's, computer accessories, Xboxes, PlayStations and Wii boxes, fax machines, monitors and printers.

Materials not accepted include explosives, radioactive materials, medical waste, asbestos, high school lab waste, commercial and governmental facility waste, paper, magazines,

newspaper, cardboard, aluminum cans, plastic and glass, hurricane debris or woody waste.

Marchand said parish residents dropped off approximately 23 tons of household hazardous materials during last year's event, which was an increase of three tons from the 2014 drop-off event.

For more information about the Ascension Parish 2016 Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day, you may call Allene Burris or Tommy Marchand at (225) 450-1308.

PHOTO CUTLINE – Blake Perkins with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality is shown processing paint brought in by parish residents for recycling during the 2015 Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day at Lamar Dixon Expo Center.

*Please see attached flyer